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Charges on Cuba Assailed

Oct. 10 speech indicates that his information was markedly different from the situation we actually uncovered in Cuba.

The evanescent quality of the Senator's private intelligence was

If you repeat a tall tale often enough, they say, eventually people will believe it. I would never have thought The New York Times editorial writer would succumb to this cynical brand of "news management," but judging from our April 29 editorial "Cloning: Inevitable?" he has.

best shown by his charge made on Jan. 31 that he had "continuing, absolutely confirmed and undeniable evidence" that the "generals" Soviet missile bases in Cuba had never been destroyed. This charge was demolished by Secretary McNamara's TV briefing. Yet even today the Senator has never told us how his "continuing, absolutely confirmed and undeniable evidence" could turn out to have been so phony.

Against such an unprepossessing background, the Senator's latest charges about new Russian troops in Cuba deserve only a "ho-hum" classification. Admittedly it is harder to be proved wrong when talking about troop strength than about unbroken concrete pads. But the burden of proof is still on the one who challenges official estimates. Having made his charges, the Senator again has run away from any honest effort to substantiate them.

No Political Motivation

Once the reasonable nature of the Keating attack on our intelligence is recognized, the problem you profess to be a top intelligence estimator reaching the President which are politically motivated and hence not "competent, objective" disappears. It is merely a matter of the Times to suggest that American intelligence is politically colored because "The men who make these judgments are appointees of the President's own Administration."

After all, the nation's top intelligence official, Central Intelligence Agency Director John A. McCone, respected Republican and the head of our Defense Intelligence Agency, Lieut. Gen. Joseph C. Churchill, a life-long expert in his field, is ignorant of any political affiliation on the basis of their performance as reasonable persons or persons of good faith. Our estimates would be any more of a "straw man" in political speculation than that of the Chairman of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board than any of the others they have become a caricature of the republican education of the CIA. McCone as director of CIA.

Memorandum for the President

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Although this matter was contrary to the wishes of the majority, I voted for the bill, as it was the only possible way to get the bill out of the Senate. I told the President that I did not think it fair to let the Senate keep the bill out of the President's hands, and I told the President that I would support the bill if it passed the Senate. I told the President that I would support the bill if it passed the Senate.

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